

Global Warming

Spirit teams cheer for biathlon athletes

BY TISH DAHMEN

Wave Editor

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Cow bells, noisemakers and cheers will ring through the Heber Valley hills as "spirit teams" gather to boost biathlon athletes on to victory.

Thirty nations will compete in the 2001 World Cup Biathlon which begins this morning at 10 a.m at Soldier Hollow and continues until Saturday.

At last count, Lyle Nelson, biathlon sports manager, said more than 400 athletes, coaches and staff will participate in the three-day event.

Heber Valley residents and some groups from the Wasatch Front have been recruited by Nelson and the Wasatch County Olympic Coordinator's office to form spirit teams to cheer for all the countries competing in the event.

"The spirit of the Olympics is making everyone feel cherished," Nelson said. "No country should come here and feel that they're racing by themselves."

Nelson, who is himself a four-time U.S.A. Olympian biathlete, helped to develop the spirit team program. Speaking from experience, he said the biathletes feed off the energy generated by cheering crowds.

"This venue is up close and personal. There is high interaction between the athlete and the spectators," Nelson said.

Nelson said spectators can position themselves where the

course is particularly grueling for athletes. Spectators, cheering the athletes on at those points, give them the encouragement needed to move faster and strive harder.

Dianne E. Helseph, consultant, and Regina LaGuardia, an intern at the Wasatch County Olympic Coordinators office developed the program. Helseph said spirit teams are made up of groups of 25 to 100 to 1000 people who attend this week's biathlon events and cheer for an "adopted" country. They wave flags, ring bells and hold up posters cheering their adopted country on to victory.

Helseph assigned the small eastern Europe country, the Republic of Belarus to the *Wastach Wave*. The *Wave* plans to be out on the course waving, stomping, cheering and being as rowdy as possible to make the Belarus team feel at home.

Wasatch High School's foreign language classes and clubs adopted Chile, France and Japan. Tate McCotter of the Homestead will be supporting the Czech Republic. The Blue Boar Inn adopted Finland.

In Salt Lake City, the Sorenson Multicultural Center adopted Italy. The students wrote welcome letters in over 12 languages to the athletes.

It isn't necessary to be part of spirit team to cheer for a team. Just go out to Soldier Hollow and give every athlete out on the course a little homespun hospitality.



Wave photo by Tish Dahmen

Thirty countries will compete in this week's 2001 World Cup Biathlon held at Soldier Hollow. Athletes were on the course training for the three-day event last week. More than 35 million Europeans are expected to tune in to the televised event.

The Wave urges Heber Valley residents to donate \$10 apiece. That small sum will help a native son do something big. Send your donation to the Heber Valley Chamber of Commerce c/o Austin Cummings, P.O. Box 427, Heber City, Utah, 84032. WAY TO GO AUSTIN!

-Mart Trap

retail is in fact the main employer.

Within this dependence lies the heart of the problem, because low-wage jobs are "sticky"—once you're in, you're trapped. Moving up is tough, since many service industries have extremely flat job hierarchies. Sales and service occupations make up more than two-thirds of retail jobs, and the average ratio of managerial to front-line workers is one to 15. A typical Wal-Mart store has one store manager, four assistant managers, and 235 non-salaried workers. Moving out is equally tough, because training is almost non-existent. Retail workers get, on average, seven hours of training (the lease among 14 measured business sectors,) giving them few skills with which to get better jobs.

So what are the options for boosting job quality at the bottom of the service sector? In the long run, what is needed is an all-out unionized assault on Wal-Mart and other firms like it. The United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW) is starting to do just that, responding to Wal-Mart's entry into the supermar-

Some argue that retail and other low-wage service industries serve as temporary way stations

From The Wave's Readers

Aspen Hollow

Editor: Beware citizens of Midway, your interests are NOT being watched over.

I am writing as a follow up to the public hearing held on Feb. 15. The subject of which was the Aspen Hollow PUD.

I have learned some hard lessons. What I witnessed at that meeting makes me feel ill but I think the residents of Midway need to be aware of a few things concerning the process a proposed development such as this goes through, and the people in charge of the decisions.

I am one of the residents who vehemently opposes this project for many reasons, which I had documented in writing to local newspapers, the planning commission, the town council and the developer. Simply put, the impact of placing a ten-unit PUD on two acres within a quiet, established neighborhood, consisting of older homes and large lots will be staggering and will change this area forever. It has already changed the faith I have in the people who are in places of authority to watch over and regulate the growth of this community.

They gave the impact this PUD will have on the residents of this neighborhood absolutely no consideration—zero, zip, zilch, nada, nothing.

Early on in this process I worked with our new city planner to understand how this could be happening. What became clear is that the minimum lot size for a PUD was changed from four acres to two acres in 1997!!! TWO ACRES??? Reduced by one half.

No one really knows how or why that happened and they have already acknowledged the absurdity of it by immediately initiating a change.

We do know that even town officials

It was a very disillusioning realization.

So the process was moot, the decision was made long before the process unfolded. The public hearing was more accurately a public waste of time. Over 50 neighbors showed up to show their disapproval of this PUD. Not one city official gave a damn. Not one was willing to say—"this just doesn't fit."

Judging from the questions the councilmen asked that night, they didn't even spend the time to read the report prepared and submitted to them by the city planner. They didn't give a damn. And these are the people who are leading the growth of this city. It's beyond frightening.

I don't pretend to think that growth will go away. Of course it won't. But should we roll over to every proposed development just because it meets requirements on paper, no matter how ridiculous it is within the context of the existing community? NO.

As EXISTING property owners, we should have rights just the same as new property owners. And we do. It's right there in the master plan, if anyone on the planning commission or the town council had been willing to use it. But they weren't.

So, don't let what happened here happen in your neighborhood. We all have the right to see this city develop into a "nice" place, a place we want to stay. But it requires getting involved early on. If you look out your window and see an empty piece of property nearby—visit or call town hall, ask the city planner for the worst case scenario on that piece of property. If you don't like what it could become, do something about it NOW. Because once an application is submitted for it's too late.

Elliott Rings in World Cup

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BY ROBIN JOHNSON

Wave Staff Writer



Midway's Main Street is lined in brilliant color this week with flags representing nations all around the globe.

The Biathlon World Cup has come to Soldier Hollow, and with it comes the world to view the biggest pre-Olympic event for European spectators.

Soldier Hollow is in every aspect, a world-class facility. A couple of weeks ago my husband and I experienced the Lodge at Soldier Hollow for our first time. We attended a private Valentine's dinner of homemade soups and breads, salads and Dutch-oven cakes for dessert.

Something special was squished in between dinner and dessert, his name is Larry Elliott.

Larry is an accomplished accordion and keyboard player who grew up in Midway, then left the valley to work for Utah Light & Power in Idaho. A few years ago he returned bringing his talents and interests back with him.

So what do Soldier Hollow and Larry Elliott have in common? They are both products of this beautiful valley and its hardworking people. Moreover, this weekend, Midway's hometown favorite will be entertaining the world at Soldier Hollow Lodge.

Larry's rendition of *The Beer Barrel Polka* on his accordion and *Seventy-Six Trombones* played on his keyboard were my favorites. His performance at the upcoming

biathlon will be more of the same all-around fun.

This is a man that knows how to have a good time while he entertains. Not only do his fingers fly over the little white buttons on the left of his accordion, but also up and down the black and white keys on the right.

Larry says his real love is the piano and he can create magic on his keyboard. He has a real knack for drawing an audience in to whatever he scene he imagines as his keyboard becomes a trumpet, a trombone, or a violin, or he can choose from an upright piano, a baby grand, even a concert grand piano. Heck, he can bring in the full orchestra if he wants, and he does.

Larry is not afraid to send away any sound he doesn't want, either. Not only do both hands play the keyboard, they take their turn pushing the buttons that help bring in the wanted or send away the unwanted sounds, and all the while he stays in perfect time.

His feet are kept busy on the foot pedals, too.

Soldier Hollow's biathlon will also feel Larry's influence this week. He will be performing in the lodge, in the food court and on the trails.

It is an Olympic tradition to ring bells when skiers cross the finish line. Larry has a keen interest in bells. He has been selling Swiss bells from his home each year at Swiss Days since his

return.

In Switzerland farmers kept bells on their cows. There are many in Midway who remember the bells Conrad Gertsch put on his cows.

Larry just recently acquired the space on the southeast corner of the Town Hall that used to house the Post Office and moved his business there, christening it "The Bell Shoppe." Now it is from here he sells his bells year round.

The Salt Lake Olympic Committee has given him license to sell authentic Olympic 2002 bells at his bell shop, right along side the traditional Swiss cow bells.

I think the bells ringing through our valley pay tribute to the present and the past. I can imagine spectators with one bell in each hand; one bell for today, celebrating the coming or the modern Olympics to Heber Valley and one bell for yesterday, celebrating the dairy farms of yesterday that once covered the valley

and the heritage of Midway where many Swiss were drawn because the mountains reminded them of their home in Bern.

I also like to imagine ringing bells were purchased at "The Bell Shoppe."

If you hear those bells think of Larry, who grew up here, dreamed of returning and now entertains the world.

Until next week...



Larry Elliott

Senior News

Thursday, March 1: Chicken casserole, California mixed veg., pineapple, 3 bean salad, roll and butter, sweet roll and milk.

Friday, March 2: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, 5way mixed veg., applesauce, macaroni salad, roll and butter, fluff desert and milk.

Monday, March 5: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, pineapple, cole slaw, roll and butter, cherry cupcake and milk.

Tuesday, March 6: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, corn, peaches, macaroni salad, roll and butter, brownies and milk.

Wednesday, March 7: Tuna casserole, mixed veg., pears, carrot & raisin salad, roll and butter, spice cake and milk.

These meals are funded by Mountainland Association of Governments and the State of Utah.

Income Tax

We have a lady coming to do income taxes. She will be here starting Feb. 6, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

You need to call the Center at 654-4920 and make an appointment.

She will be here each Tuesday thereafter until April 10.

Firesides

Our Firesides are on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. We have some very good programs and we are sure you won't want to miss them.

March 5: Zackery Lovinger, musical

March 12: David Ekins, singing.

March 19: ReNee Carlile, musical

March 26: To be announced.

HEAT Program

The Utah Home Energy Assistance Target program (HEAT) will start on Wednesday, Nov. 1, and each Monday and Wednesday thereafter. Blaine Webster will be at the Center, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Elderly and Disabled on Nov. 1. The General Public will start on Nov. 15.

You will need to bring Social Security cards for all household members over 18 years of age, proof of income, your highest gas and light bill, both for the same month, medical payments prior to the month you sign up.

Monthly Income limits for the program are:

1 person household, \$870; 2 person household, \$1,172; 3 person household, \$1,474; 4 person household, \$1,776; 5 person household, \$2,078; 6 person household, \$2,380.

would pay her any attention. Each Sunday she would wait outside my office door, wanting more advice and counsel that would allow her to survive a broken heart even one more day.

Library Corner Notes From Wasatch

What's New

New in our collection: "The Bonesetter's Daughter" by Amy Tan, "As Time Goes By" by Michael Walsh and "Malina" by Ingeborg Bachmann.

Pioneer

Pioneer: Utah's Online Library is a cooperative project of Utah's school, public and academic libraries; the Utah Education Network; and the Utah State Library. Some of the products offered through this service and available at Wasatch County Library are: Ebsco Host: full text business, health and science magazines. Also ProQuest News which offers newspapers such as the N.Y. Times, Washington Post and other major city publications.

New in Town

If you are new to the community, please stop by and apply for a library card. Anyone five years or older can apply. We ask that you reside in Wasatch County. Children need to have their parent or guardian sign the application. Parents may also sign a permission slip for internet access.

Summer Reading Program

It's time to start thinking about the 2001 summer reading program here at the library. Applications are being accepted for Summer Reading Program Coordinator. This is a paid position. Interested applicants may contact Kristen by e-mail at kbowcutt@state.lib.ut.us or call 654-1511.

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Biathletes Take Shot at Soldier Hollow

'Spirit Leaders' to cheer on individual countries

DEREK JENSEN

MANAGING EDITOR

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Get ready, get set, breathe.

That will be the trick for biathletes who open World Cup competition today continuing through the weekend at Soldier Hollow. The key to success during this test event — the largest of the pre-Olympic competitions — is for athletes to keep their heart rates low enough after skiing the loops to be accurate with the gun.

But athletes at the Ruhrgas World Cup Biathlon (Feb. 28 – March 3) will not be short on experience. The event will feature the top biathletes in the world who will return this time next year to vie for medals and podium appearances. In all, over 260 competitors from 31 countries will be on display.

To greet them, Wasatch's Olympic Coordinator's Office has organized host country "Spirit Leaders" to help

foreign athletes feel appreciated. "This is the first time we've put together an organized effort," said Dianne Hesleph from the coordinator's office. "We have people in the community adopting a country and the athletes and then coming out to cheer for them."

The cheerleader effort will be suited perfectly, organizers say, for Utahns who have traveled to the countries on LDS church missions and feel an allegiance to that region.

More countries participate in biathlon than in any other winter sport. This week's World Cup will be broadcast to an estimated 35 million viewers in Europe.

Biathlon, which got its Olympic debut in 1960, features skilled skiers who carry a lightweight bolt-action .22-caliber rifle on course. The event combines technical skiing, in separate categories that vary in distance, with target shooting.

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Wasatch Rodeo Team to Host Rodeo During Biathlon World Cup Events

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The Wasatch High School rodeo team is hosting a rodeo for the World Cup biathlon event on March 2, at 4:00, at Sy Kimball's barn in Center Creek.

The Wasatch rodeo team is very excited to meet new people, and show them what High School Rodeo is all about.

Some of the countries that will be attending the rodeo will be: Austria, Argentina, Belarus, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, and of course the USA.

The rodeo team is also getting ready for their own high school rodeo, which will be held May 18-19, at the Wasatch County Fair Grounds.

The rodeo team would like to thank the following sponsors, who have supported them through the year.

They are: Mountainland



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Calf roping will be an event the Wasatch rodeo team will be performing for the biathlon competitors.

One-Stop, Rockwater Salon and Spa, Mountainland Metal Works, Fast Track Sports, Heber Valley Physical Therapy, Hub Cafe, Kayle Jacobsen Trucking, KC Auto Body, Shayne Cluff Construction, Arcadia Vet Clinic, Chrysalis Hair Designs, Gary Sessions Plumbing, Mountain Valley

Construction, Steven Brown DDS, Super Wash, Dairy Keen and Swiss Alps Inn, Latimer's Do It Best, Olpin-Hoopes Mortuary, Clyde's Billiards, Heber Office Products, High Uintah Construction, Jeff Brisk Construction, Morgan Auto Body, and the Cabinet Company by L&L.

Come Get Mooned Again

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Nearly 70 snowshoers turned out for February's "Get Mooned at the Park" adventure.

This event sponsored by Friends of Wasatch Mountain State Park was so popular that another mooning at the park is scheduled for Friday, March 9.

The March Mooning Snowshoe Adventure will begin at 7:00 p.m. at Wasatch Mountain State Park's Visitor Center in Midway.

There will be three levels of ability for the full moon snowshoe event. Hot and cold beverages

and food will be available before and after the hike. Gloves, winter boots, and a flashlight are recommended.

The event will have a modest charge for non-members. Adult and children snowshoes will be available for rental to non-members. The \$3 event charge and snowshoe rentals will be free to members of Friends of Wasatch.

Membership applications will be available before the hike. All members receive a quarterly newsletter which

includes upcoming events and a Friends window decal. All donations help the Friends group, a nonprofit volunteer organization, achieve the goal of preserving and protecting Wasatch Mountain State Park.

The Homestead Resort, Lodge at Soldier Hollow, Heber Mountain Sports, and the Backcountry Store will once again supply the equipment for the March Mooning Snowshoe Adventure. For information and reservation call Gaylyn at 435-654-4730.

Biathlon World Cup to Be Held This Week

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BY COURTNEY GRESSMEN

Wave Sports Editor

It's here! The biathlon world cup begins today at Soldier Hollow.

After a successful world cup in January, another one would top off the season. But immediately following the biathlon, the paralympic biathlon world cup comes to Soldier Hollow in March.

With events starting today at 10:00 a.m., races will continue throughout the week.

Today the races start with the mens 20 km individual competition. The women's individual competition will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Friday's events will begin at 10:00 a.m., with the men's sprint competition. The women will start at 1:00.

Saturday, the events will begin with the men's 12.5 km pursuit competition at 9:05. The women will begin at 10:05, with the 10 km pursuit competition.

Athletes to keep an eye throughout the week will be:

Rapheal Poiree of France, who is known as the "Flying Frenchman." 1998 Olympic champions Olde Einar Bjorndalen of Norway and Halvard Hanevold of Norway. Jeremy Teela and Jay Hakkinen will be the ones to watch for the United States.

For the women: Magdalena Forsberg of Sweden is currently the world's best four years runnings. Also, Olena Zubrilova of Ukraine, Rachel Steer of the United States, and Uschi Disl of Germany.

Community Aerobics

The Wasatch County Parks and Recreation has hired a new aerobics instructor for their aerobics and water aerobics classes. These classes are offered every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8-9 a.m. and every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 5:30-6:30 a.m. at 75 N. 100 W. in Heber. Childcare is available during the 8-9 a.m. classes. Water Aerobics are offered Monday and Wednesday from 9-10 p.m., and on Tuesday and Thursday from 5:15-6:15 p.m. Call Amaria Scovil at 654-2700 ext. 475, with any questions about these programs.

Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp

Applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. Boys, ages 8-19, and girls, ages 10-19, can apply. Players are selected by invitation only. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill, Bobby Hurley, Antawn Jamison, Christian Laettner, Tom Gugliotta, and Trajan Langdon. Camp locations include: Redlands, Ca., Thousand Oaks, Ca., Sackville, N.B. Canada, Babson Park, Fl., Gainesville, Ga., Champaign, Il., Macomb, Il., Greencastle, In., Atchison, Ks., Midway, Ky., Hillsdale, Mi., Saint Paul, Mn., Fayette, Mo., Rochester, Ny., Boiling Springs, Nc., North Canton, Oh., Lock Haven, Pa., Bristol, RI, Lebanon, Tn., Commerce, Tx., Fort Worth Tx., Blacksburg, Va., and Olympia, Wa. College basketball scholarships are possible for players named to the All-American team. For an evaluation form call (704) 568-6801 anytime.

Moms and Tots

A playgroup that also gives Mom a chance to socialize with other mothers! Each week, a hand-out covering a pertinent parenting or family topic is shared. The group meets on Thursday's at 10:30 a.m. and ends at noon. The playgroup is held at the Heber City Park or at McDonald's Playland in inclement weather. No fee or registration is required, just call Amaria at 654-2700 ext. 475 to let her know that you will be coming so she can watch for you.

Water Aerobics

Classes are offered Monday, Wednesday, and Friday's from 9-10 p.m., and on Tuesday and Thursday from 5:15-6:15 p.m. Classes are held at the community pool in the Jr. High School.

Call Tom, Amaria, or Helen at the Wasatch County Recreation Department at 654-2700 ext. 475 for information on any of the programs and events listed above.

The Pioneer Family Monument



The pioneer Family Monument, sculptured by Peter Fillerup.

This monument will be the centerpiece of the Main Street Beautification Project this summer, and will be placed by the historical tabernacle building, Heber City Offices.

The Main Street Beautification Committee, under the Chamber of Commerce, hope to raise \$70,000.00 through donations, and dedicate it during Fair Days of this year.

Please mail your donations to: Pioneer Family Monument fund, in care of Heber Valley Chamber of Commerce, P.o. Box 427, Heber City, UT. 84032.

Questions or comments:
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THIS WEEK

in Wasatch County

Golf Course at Soldier Hollow

A bill that will provide up to \$12 million to build a 36-hole golf course at Soldier Hollow passed the House of Representatives last week.

Senate Bill 65 was signed by both the house and the senate and now awaits a signature from Governor Michael O. Leavitt.

The course will be part of Wasatch Mountain State Park.

Proposed revenues from the Soldier Hollow Golf Course will range from \$1.5 million in 2003 to \$3.5 million in 2012.

The course is proposed to open by summer 2003.

According to a research firm, TKG & Associates, the golf course should capture approximately 20 percent of the market's area public demand.

The course will include a clubhouse, cart storage, parking, maintenance areas and practice facilities in the initial construction.

Planning Commission

Midway City Planning Commission meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Midway City Office Building at 75 North 100 West.

On the agenda is the final plat approval for Valais Phase IV, and a preliminary plat revision for Swiss Alpenhof's plats for their Matterhorn Village.

Planning commissioners will be reviewing revisions to the PUD ordinance and will also look at Meadows at Midway for preliminary approval.

Directions to these roundabouts and others as well as several photos may be seen on my website

www.RoundaboutsUSA.com or may be contacted by e-mail Bill@RoundaboutsUSA.com.

I recommend that your readers drive one of their local roundabouts.

Bill Baranowski, P.

Sear-Brown

Salt Lake City

Boys Basketball

Editor: I have put off writing this letter for over a year, for fear it would cause problems for some members of the Wasatch High basketball team, but that appears irrelevant now.

In addition, I've heard some disturbing reports of the team members themselves being held up to ridicule and being blamed for what could only be called "nightmarish" season.

This is the team which for two consecutive years came down to the Dixie Regional Tournament and went undefeated. That means 28-0, against many teams that were bigger, more experienced, and supposedly more athletic, yet the Wasps found a way to outthrustle, outshoot, and outplay them all.

This includes the team that just today won the 3-A State Championship and three other teams that went to the State Tournament.

Due to a shortage of coaching personnel on the Dixie trip, the kids ran their own plays and substitutions for parts of some games and did a terrific job, as their record indicates.

Just so you know, I don't think winning is everything. These are some of the finest young men that it has been my pleasure to know. They have played together for years because they're friends and they love the game. They were considered the team to be reckoned with for the next two years in 3-A competition by every team in the Dixie Tournament and several other